(c) The price of Ampicillin Sodium Sterile was fixed at Rs. 29.41/kg. on 13.9.1990.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) and (g) No instance of overcharging of the bulk drug has come to the notice of the Government.

(h) and (i) The prices of finished products is given in statement II (See below).

Statement

Name of Company	Capacity (MT)
1. Ranbaxy Labs.	12
2. Nirup Synchrame	20
3. Rajasthan Antibiotics	15
4. Cadila Labs.	75
5. Lyka Labs.	13
6. Armour Chemicals	30
7. IPICOL	24
8. Standared Organics	25
9. Cepham Organics	50

Statement II

Sl.No	Name of formulation	Pack Size	Earlier price without Excise Duty (Rs.)	Parcentage price without Excise Duty (Rs.)]	Parcentage increase
1	Ampicillin Sodium Injection 250mg	1 Vial	4.18*	4.80**	14.83%
2	Ampicillin Sodium Injection-500mg	1 Vial	6.50*	6.90**	6.15%

*Bulk drug price Rs. 3537/Kg.
**Ampicillin Sodium Rs. 2941/Kg.

Over invoicing of drugs

686. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has beeen drawn to the News item which ap peared in Indian Express of 25th Octo ber, 1991 under the heading "Govern ment's Laxity benefits drugs companies.";

(b) whether Government have examined the instances quoted in the news item regarding over-invoicing;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government and what Steps have been taken to check the antinational activities;

(d) whether it is a fact that the number of such instances have come to the notice of Government;

(e) if so, the names of companies names of drugs involved and when each instance was noticed;

(f) whether Government have initiated any investigation;

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason for delay;

(h) whether it is a fact that imports of certain multinational drug companies have gone up and consumption of indigenous material have come down; and

(i) if so, the details and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MIMSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (g) Yes, Sir. Whenever any complaint received alleging overinvoicing in Imports, the Government referred the care to Revenue Intelligence for necessary action. The details of instances which came to the notice of the Government about overinvoicing have been given in Unstarred Question No. 1664 answered on 1.8.1991.

(h) and (i) These details are not being mentione by this Ministry.

Bxport of chloroquin phosphate

687. SHRI K. G. MAHESHWA-RAHPA; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1465 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exports of quinine and chloroquin sulphate are allowed but exports of chloroquin phos phate are not allowed;

(b) if so, the reason's therefor;

(c) whether it is fact that large capacity for chloroquin phosphate has been created in the country;

(d) if so, names of the units licensed and installed capacity and what was the production during the last three years, year-wise;

(e) whether Government are considering to remove export restrictions in order to utilise the capacities available; and

(f) what is the local production, export's, imports and what are the prices of these drugs during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of the EXIM Policy Vol. n both Onloroquin Phosphate and Quinine are listed under items the export of which are conditional. While the former is being permitted only after approval of the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme, the exports of the latter, require clearance from the Director ate of Cinchona TN/West Bengal as the case may be because these products are widley used in the National Malaria Eradication Programme.

(c) and (d) To the extent available, the information h given in statememt 1. (See below).

(e) No such proposal has been received in this regard.

(f) The indigenous production ot Chloroquin Phosphate/Sulphate which is monitored as Chloroquin, was 140,07 MT in 1988-89, 260,10 MT in 1989-90 aad 218.20 MT in 1990-91. The production of Quinine, to the extent the information is available, was 7.91 tonnes and 9.74 tonnes during 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively. Quinine worth Rs. 24.111 lakhs was exported during 1988-89. However. no exports were made during 1989-90. During 1990-91, one time export of 30 MT and 10 MT of Chloroquin Phosphate by Mfs. E. Merck and M[s. Tata Pharma respectively was agreed to in consultation with the Directorate of N.M.E.P., the main purchaser of this drug. Import of individual drugs is not monitored.

The prices of these drugs notified by the Government from time to time, are given in Statement II.